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Garrison Subpenas Ferrie Bank Data

'Information Vital' in Shaw Case

District Attorney Jim Garrison today subpenaed the bank account records of David W. Ferrie, a former airline pilot who died Feb. 22, a few days after announcing himself as a suspect in Garrison's Kennedy assassination probe.

Criminal District Court Judge Matthew S. Braniff signed the order, directing a vice-president of the Whitney National Bank to bring Ferrie's checking and savings account records to the DA's office at 10:30 a. m. Wednesday.

Ferrie, who lost his hair from a skin disease and wore a red toupee and pasted-on eyebrows, was found dead in his littered apartment at 3330 Louisiana ave. pkwy.

CORONER NICHOLAS J. Chetta ruled the death natural. Garrison said it was a suicide brought on by Ferrie's growing fear of the investigation.

Three days before he died, Ferrie telephoned the States-Item to say that Garrison would implicate him in the assassination and that the entire investigation was a hoax.

After Ferrie's death, Garrison named him as a conspirator in a plot which the DA said was hatched in New Orleans to assassinate the President in Dallas. He called Ferrie "one of history's most important individuals."

AS CO - CONSPIRATORS Garrison has named Lee Harvey Oswald, charged by the Warren Commission as the lone assassin; Jack Ruby, the Dallas nightclub owner who shot Oswald, and Clay L. Shaw, retired New Orleans businessman now awaiting trial for the alleged conspiracy.

The subpena was filed in the clerk of court's office by Asst. DA William R. Martin.

Directed to Merin G. Van Geffen, comptroller and vice-president of the Whitney National Bank, the subpena asks for "original ledger sheets and signature cards and any and all documents whatsoever pertaining to" Ferrie's savings and checking accounts.

THE ORDER said the documents were to be available for the state's case against Shaw.

Garrison has previously obtained records of Ferrie's telephone calls during 1963, except for the month of November, which, he says, are not available.

In other action in the probe today, the bribery charge against television news investigator Walter Sheridan was allotted to Judge Thomas M. Beamey, who earlier set Sheridan's bond at $5,000.

SHERIDAN, ONE of the producers of the National Broadcasting Corp.'s recent "White Paper" report, a critical examination of Garrison's office last Friday with public bribery of the DA's witnesses in the Shaw case.

The NBC broadcast alleged that members of Garrison's staff had bribed and threatened some witnesses and had hypnotized another witness, Perry R. Russo.

After the broadcast, however, Russo contended that Sheridan had offered him a house and a job in California, an expensive attorney and protection from Garrison if Russo would change his story.

IT WAS ON the basis of Russo's statements that Garrison filed charges against Sheridan last week.

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According to one source today, Sheridan telephoned New Orleans from Washington, D. C., to say that he will appear this week at the Criminal Courts Building to post his bond and that he will not fight extradition.

Sheridan's attorney in New Orleans, Steven Lemann, who is also attorney for WDSU, the NBC affiliate here, was present in the clerk's office this morning when Sheridan's case was allotted, but he declined to comment on when Sheridan would return to New Orleans.

He was last seen at the courts building on June 28, when the Orleans Parish Grand Jury was in session.